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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the application as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly comprising:
one or more containers having a top rim, a closed bottom
opposing the top rim and a plurality of at least partially closed
sidewalls adjoining the bottom, the bottom and sidewalls being
configured to be able to hold water;
a first support frame having a hollow tube shape with at
least one sidewall and a first end having a first end opening and
a second end opposing the first end having a second end opening;
the first end opening having a dimension and a shape in
relation to the rim, bottom and sidewalls of the container to
permit the bottom and sidewalls of the container to pass through
the first end opening and prevent the rim from passing through the
first end opening; and
engagement portions on the container near the rim and on the
first support frame near the first end opening being cooperative
to form an assembled together releasably secure relationship with
the engagement portions between the first support frame at the
first end opening and the container, such that the container and
the support frame can be detachably assembled together in the
releasably secure relationship.
~~an inner box and a first inner box holder, the inner box having a~~
~~bottom wall and at least one closed sidewall, and being configured~~
~~to be at least partly fillable with water, the first inner box~~
~~holder having at least one sidewall and an open lower side and~~
~~upper side, wherein the inner box and the first inner box holder~~

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~~are configured to be detachably coupled with each other with a press fit.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second support frame having a hollow tube shape with at least one sidewall and a first end having a first end opening and a second end opposing the first end having a second end opening;

the first end opening of the second support frame having a dimension and a shape in relation to the rim, bottom and sidewalls of the container to permit the bottom and sidewalls of the container to pass through the first end opening of the second support frame and prevent the rim from passing through the first end opening of the second support frame;

the second support frame having another engagement portion near the first end opening thereof being cooperative to form an assembled together second releasably secure relationship between the another engagement portion of the first end opening of the second support frame and the engagement portion of the container near the rim when the container and the second support frame are assembled together, such that the container and the second support frame can be detachably assembled in the second releasably secure relationship;

the flower box assembly being arranged with the first end opening of the first support frame adjacent the first end opening of the second support frame and the engagement portions of the container and the first and second support frames cooperating in the first and second releasably secure relationships.

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~~a second inner box holder having at least one sidewall and an open lower side and upper side and configured to permit the inner box to be accommodated within the second inner box holder, and positionable in relation to the inner box such that a portion of the inner box projects through one of the upper or lower sides of the second inner box holder, the first inner box holder being operable to support the second inner box holder when configured to have the second inner box holder rest on the upper side of the first inner box holder.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 2, wherein the first support frame inner box holder differs in size or shape from the second support frame. inner box holder.

4. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein the at least one sidewall of the first support frame inner box holder tapers outward inward from the first end opening to the second end opening, lower side to the upper side, such that the first support frame inner box holder is configured to be nestable within another first support frame. inner box holder.

5. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ plurality of sidewalls of the container taper inner box tapers inward from the rim to the bottom, upper side to the lower side, such that the container inner box is configured to be nestable within another container. inner box.

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6. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, further comprising wherein in the at least one sidewall of the first inner box holder, at least one light passage opening in a sidewall of the container. is included.

7-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1; further comprising ~~a second inner box holder with a lower edge, the first inner box holder also having a lower edge, wherein the lower edge of the first and second inner box holder being configured such that the first and second inner box holders~~ two first support frames having cooperative structures at respective second end openings such that the two first support frames when placed onto each other by their lower edges with abutting second end openings form a cooperative engagement for stable stacking.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according claim 12, ~~wherein the lower edge of the first inner box holder~~ at least one of the two first support frames is provided with at least one toothed provision to form the cooperative engagement.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein the container ~~inner box~~ is configured to be detachably ~~coupled~~ assembled with the first support frame ~~inner box holder~~

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when the first support frame ~~inner box holder~~ is in a first relative position in relation to the container, ~~inner box~~, and the container ~~inner box~~ is also configured to be detachably coupled assembled with the first support frame ~~inner box holder~~ when the first support frame ~~inner box holder~~ is in an inverted, second relative position in relation to the container. ~~inner box~~.

18. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 17, wherein the bottom and sidewalls of the container pass through the one opening ~~inner box is configured to extend substantially within the first support frame inner box holder in the first relative position, and the bottom and sidewalls of the container inner box is configured to extend substantially outside of the first support frame inner box holder in the second relative position.~~

19. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 17, wherein the ~~inner box or first inner box holder is provided with engagement portions means which are cooperative to form the releasably secure relationship configured to detachably couple the first inner box holder to the inner box with a particular engaging force, which engaging force is greater than a weight of the first support frame.~~ ~~inner box holder.~~

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 2, wherein the sidewalls of the first and second support frames each have a plurality of support walls between the respective

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first and second end openings that ~~inner box holders~~ taper towards each other in the direction of ~~one of the lower or upper sides the~~ first end openings, such that the first and second support frames ~~inner box holders~~ are configured to be nestable within each other.

22. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 3, wherein ~~the sidewalls of the first and second~~ support frames each have a plurality of support walls between the respective first and second end openings that ~~inner box holders~~ taper towards each other in the direction of ~~one of the lower or upper sides the~~ first end openings, such that the first and second support frames ~~inner box holders~~ are configured to be nestable within each other.

23. (Withdrawn) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein:

the inner box is coupled with the first inner box holder with at least one circumferential wall extending at an angle at least in part in a horizontal direction, which is connected with the inner box adjacent an upper edge of the at least one sidewall of the inner box, which circumferential wall is provided with at least one first projection which engages an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the first inner box holder;

the projection includes a wall part extending throughout the circumference of the inner box, from the circumferential wall in downward direction; and

wherein the projection engages an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the first inner box holder.

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24. (Withdrawn) A flower box assembly according to claim 4, wherein:

the sidewalls of the inner box, viewed from an upper side, taper slightly towards each other in the direction of the bottom wall, such that the inner box is nestable within another;

in the at least one sidewall of the first and second inner box holders, at least one light passage opening is included;

the inner box being coupled with the inner box holder with at least one circumferential wall extending at an angle at least in part in a horizontal direction, which is connected with the inner box adjacent an upper edge of the at least one sidewall of the inner box, which circumferential wall is provided with at least one first projection which engages an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the first inner box holder.

25. (Withdrawn) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein:

the inner box is coupled with the first inner box holder with at least one circumferential wall extending at an angle at least in part in a horizontal direction, which is connected with the inner box adjacent an upper edge of the at least one sidewall of the inner box, which circumferential wall is provided with at least one first projection which engages an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the first inner box holder;

the projection comprises a wall part extending throughout the circumference of the inner box, from the circumferential wall in downward direction; and

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the lower edge of the first inner box holder is designed such that two first inner box holders placed onto each other by their lower edges form a cooperative engagement for stable stacking.

26. (Withdrawn) A flower box assembly according to claim 12, wherein:

the lower edge of the first and second inner box holders is defined by two substantially parallel extending first inner box holder sidewall parts, including an inner wall part and an outer wall part, while over a first part of the circumference of the first or second inner box holder the inner wall part projects further down than the outer wall part, and over a second part of the circumference the outer wall part projects further down than the inner wall part;

the first part and the second part of the circumference are complementary, such that, with the first and second inner box holders placed onto each other by the lower edges, the first circumference part of the first inner box holder abuts against the second circumference part of the second inner box holder;

the lower edge of each of the first and second inner box holder is provided with at least one toothed provision to stack the first and second inner box holders onto each other by the lower edges in a stable manner;

the inner box and the first and second inner box holders have a substantially rectangular cross section.

27. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 18, wherein: ~~1, further comprising:~~

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~~the inner box is configured to be detachably coupled with the first inner box holder in a first position, and the inner box is also configured to be detachably coupled with the first inner box holder in an inverted, second position;~~

~~the inner box being further configured to extend substantially within the first inner box holder in the first position, and the inner box being configured to extend substantially outside of the first inner box holder in the second position;~~

~~the inner box or first inner box holder is provided with engagement portions means which are cooperative to form the releasably secure relationship configured to detachably couple the first inner box holder to the inner box with a particular engaging force, which engaging force is greater than a weight of the first support frame, and the flower box assembly further comprises: inner box holder;~~

~~a second support frame having a similar shape as inner box holder different from the first support frame with a first end having a first end opening and a second end having a second end opening and having another engagement portion near the first end opening of the second support frame, the other engagement portion being cooperative with an engagement portion of the container to form an assembled together second releasably secure relationship between the engagement portion of the second support frame inner box holder and configured to be detachably coupled to and the engagement portion of the container near the rim when the container and the second support frame are assembled inner box in the first or second relative position, and wherein each of the first and second end openings of the first support frame~~

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respectively match the first and second end openings of the second support frame to permit the first and second support frames of different flower box assemblies to be stackable with each other in different relative orientations. ~~and second inner box holders have matching upper sides and matching lower sides; and~~

~~wherein the inner box and the first and second inner box holders have a substantially rectangular cross section.~~

28. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein:

the container and the first support frame are assembled with the bottom and sidewalls of the container being passed through the first end opening to extend substantially within the first support frame and the engagement portions of the container and the first support frame cooperate to form the assembled together releasably secure relationship; ~~inner box is configured to permit placement in the first inner box holder; and~~

~~the inner box is configured to be detachably coupled with the an engaging portion on the first support frame further comprising inner box holder with a circumferential projection which engages an edge of the first inner box holder engaging portion on the container.~~

29. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 2, further comprising a circumferential projection on an end of the container ~~inner box~~ which is configured to engage an edge of the second support frame ~~inner box holder when the bottom and sidewalls portion of the container pass inner box projects through the one first end opening of the second support frame to extend~~

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substantially within of the upper or lower sides of the second inner box holder support frame.

30. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second support frame with a first end opening having a same size and shape as the first end opening of the first support frame, such that the first end opening of the second support frame can inner box holder, which is shaped and sized to permit the second inner box holder to be placed adjacent the rim of the container or adjacent the first end opening in an inverted orientation on an upper side of the inner box, or on the upper side of the first support frame, such that the container or the first support frame supports the second support frame at the first end opening of the second support frame; and

inner box holder, wherein the second end opening of the first support frame inner box holder is shaped and sized to permit the first support frame inner box holder to be placed atop and be supported by a second end opening of the second support frame inner box holder opposed to the first end opening of the second support frame.

31. (Withdrawn) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein the inner box further comprises at least one circumferential wall extending at an angle at least in part in a horizontal direction, which is connected with the inner box adjacent an upper edge of the at least one sidewall of the inner box, which circumferential wall is provided with at least one

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first projection which engages an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the first inner box holder.

32. (Withdrawn) A flower box assembly according to claim 31, wherein the projection comprises a wall part extending throughout the circumference of the inner box, from the circumferential wall in downward direction.

33. (Withdrawn) A flower box assembly according to claim 31, wherein the projection engages a first recess in an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the first inner box holder.

34. (Withdrawn) A flower box assembly according to claim 33, wherein the first recess in the upper edge of the inner box holder also extends throughout the circumference of the inner box holder.

35. (Withdrawn) A flower box assembly according to claim 33, wherein the circumferential wall is provided with at least one second projection which extends in upward direction from the circumferential wall and which is situated opposite the first projection and whose configuration is such that it is receivable in said first recess of a second inner box holder placed in inverted position onto the assembly of an inner box and an inner box holder.

36. (Withdrawn) A flower box assembly according to claim 12, wherein the lower edge of the inner box holder is defined by two substantially parallel extending inner box holder sidewall parts, more particularly an inner wall part and an outer wall part, while

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over a first part of the circumference of the inner box holder the inner wall part projects further down than the outer wall part, and over a second part of the circumference the outer wall part projects further down than the inner wall part.

37. (Withdrawn) A flower box assembly according to claim 36, wherein the first part and the second part of the circumference are complementary, such that, with two inner box holders placed onto each other by the lower edges, the first circumference part of the first inner box holder abuts against the second circumference part of the second inner box holder.

38. (Withdrawn) A Method for handling a flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein the inner box is placed in a second inner box holder, and positioned in relation to the second inner box holder such that a portion of the inner box projects through an opening in one of the upper or lower sides of the second inner box holder, the assembly being subsequently placed with the inner box on the first inner box holder, such that the inner box extends substantially within the contours of the first inner box holder and the second inner box holder is operable to protect a content of the inner box.

39. (Canceled)

40. (Withdrawn) Method according to claim 38, wherein onto the thus formed assembly of an inner box and a first and second inner box holder a second thus formed assembly of an inner box and a first and a second inner box holder is placed.

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41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly comprising:

a container having a closed end, an open end and a sidewall between the closed end and open end;

a fastener component on a perimeter of the open end; and

a container holder having ~~two open ends, one of the open ends~~
a first open end and a second open end opposed to the first open
end, the first open end having an engagement structure being
cooperative with the fastener component to detachably secure the
container and the container holder as assembled together in either
of a first orientation in which the closed end and sidewall extend
substantially within the container holder, or as assembled
together in a second orientation in which the closed end and
sidewall extend substantially outside and away from the container
holder. ~~when the container and container holder have respective~~
~~positions to permit the fastener component to cooperatively engage~~
~~the engagement structure.~~

43. (Previously Presented) The flower box assembly according to claim 42, wherein the fastener component and the engagement structure cooperatively engage each other with a press fit.

44. (New) The flowerbox assembly according to claim 1, wherein the releasably secure relationship further comprises a press fit relationship.